

This is a preliminary draft of the July 13, 2010 minutes as interpreted by the Clerk of the Board for use in preparing the official minutes. It is expected that there will be corrections, additions, and/or omissions before the final minutes are reviewed and officially approved by the County Board.

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The Board of County Commissioners of Fillmore County, Minnesota met in regular session this 13th day of July, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Board Room, Fillmore County Courthouse, in the City of Preston.

The following members were present: Duane Bakke, Marc Prestby, Chuck Amunrud, Randy Dahl, and Thomas Kaase. Also present were: Karen Brown, Coordinator/Clerk; Shirl Boelter, Auditor/Treasurer; Daryl Jensen, Sheriff; Karen Reisner, Fillmore County Journal; and Anton Adamek, Republican-Leader.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

On motion by Kaase and seconded by Amunrud, the agenda was unanimously approved.

On motion by Prestby and seconded by Kaase, the Board unanimously approved the following Consent Agenda:

1. July 6, 2010 County Board minutes, as presented.
2. Appointment of Mark Bronson to Children's Mental Health Coordinating Council as recommended by the Community Services Administrator.
3. Appointment of Michelle Breitsprecher to Children's Mental Health Coordinating Council as recommended by the Community Services Administrator.
4. Appointment of Tina Peters, Public Health Nurse, to Children's Mental Health Coordinating Council as recommended by the Community Services Administrator.

On motion by Amunrud and seconded by Dahl, the Board unanimously approved the payment of the following Commissioners' warrants:

**WARRANTS**

The Auditor's warrants were reviewed.

John Grindeland, Highway Engineer, was present.

On motion by Kaase and seconded by Prestby, the Board unanimously awarded the low bid of \$1,130,460.00 to Rochester Sand & Gravel for bituminous paving project, CSAH 5 & 8, SAP 23-505-032 and SAP 23-508-042 as recommended by the Highway Engineer.

Terry Schultz, Building Maintenance Supervisor, was present. He discussed a detailed proposal for the repair work in the courthouse parking lot and stated that it is high, but it is difficult to predict the costs until they actually get into the project. Schultz assured members that the County will only be billed for cement curb that is replaced. Grindeland agreed that less curb replacement will probably be needed. Members asked that the project be monitored to keep costs down.

On motion by Amunrud and seconded by Dahl, the Board unanimously approved to accept the quote as presented from Rochester Service Co. at a cost of up to \$4,521.00 to repair the southeast corner of the east courthouse parking lot.

Ashley Stinson, Human Resources Officer; Eugene Grover, Local #49 International Union of Operating Engineers; and Dale Brand, Traffic Sign Technician and Steward, entered the meeting. Negotiations began for the 2011 labor agreement for Highway personnel.

Cindy Blagsvedt, Assessor, entered the meeting.

The Chair opened and closed the Citizens Input portion of the meeting at 9:35 a.m. since no one was present to speak.

The Highway labor agreement negotiations continued. Consensus was to continue the negotiations at 11:00 a.m. on both August 10<sup>th</sup> and September 14<sup>th</sup>.

Thomas Boyd, Community Services Director; Lantha Stevens, Director of Nursing; and Nathan Pike, Veteran Services Officer, entered the meeting.

Senator Sharon Erickson Ropes entered the meeting. Senator Ropes welcomed Nathan Pike to the County. Chair Bakke stated that Commissioners have been appointed to working groups with legislators to work on legislation for 2011. Amunrud discussed the County State redesign work group and expressed concern about the requirement to purchase laptops for Social Services in 2012. He also stated that language will be needed in the next session to appropriate dollars for a possible Veterans Cemetery in Fillmore County. Members thanked Senator Ropes for her support for this initiative. Other legislative priorities were discussed as follows:

- \* Green Acres legislation continues to be a concern
- \* Proposed additional recording fee for foreclosure transactions should not occur
- \* General Assistance Medical Care and lack of access for rural residents is causing problems
- \* Continue to try to avoid further Human Services cost shifting to resolve deficit
- \* Support defeat of gang force forfeiture law changes which would have shifted proceeds to the State
- \* Proposed local government aid to cities also negatively affects county/city law enforcement contracts
- \* Best practices for elections being developed with Tax Committee of County and State working well
- \* Invited Senator Ropes to Assessor's office to see impact of tax law changes
- \* County has had zero (0) layoffs, but staffing has been reduced, and aging equipment is a concern
- \* Revenue diversification work group will be meeting tomorrow
- \* Bridges getting worse but unfunded mandates remain for historical studies that cost \$50,000-\$60,000
- \* Difficult to project state aids for 2011
- \* Water Summit in St. Cloud had over 385 people in attendance to look at improved efficiencies

Joe Magee, Donna Rasmussen and Sheila Craig, Soil and Water Conservation District, were present. Magee reviewed the accomplishments and discussed the priorities for the next five (5) years. He noted that the South Branch project to reduce fecal coliform was successful, but the levels are still high. Of the 545 individual septic treatment systems that were identified as being imminent threats to public health, 443 were replaced with the remaining systems being mainly Amish gray water systems. County culverts were also inventoried. Other projects that continue include the stream buffer initiative and Root River turbidity total maximum daily load (TMDL) monitoring. Some additions to the plan include grazing plans, implementation of TMDL and a revolving grant/loan program for well replacement/treatment systems.

The Public Hearing on the proposed water plan amendments was opened up at 11:25 a.m.

Comments were received from Minnesota Pollution Control Agency; Root River Soil & Water Conservation District; Minnesota Department of Health, Minnesota Department of Agriculture and the Board of Water and Soil Resources. There were no comments or letters from the public. Minor additions to the plan were suggested by those present. The Public Hearing was closed at 11:39 a.m.

On motion by Kaase and seconded by Prestby, the Board unanimously approved to submit the Water Plan to the Board of Water and Soil Resources.

**FILLMORE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**

**July 13, 2010**

The following committee reports and announcements were given: Bakke and Prestby – Department Head; Amunrud and Bakke – Library; Dahl – Semcac; Kaase – Developmental Achievement Center; City of Chatfield and Wykoff support of veterans' cemetery; Public Safety Answering Points meeting; and Amunrud – Technology Committee.

There was consensus by members that participation on state committees or work groups related to Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC) legislative work will be eligible for expense payments.

Auditor/Treasurer Boelter noted that passport fees went up, effective today.

On motion by Prestby and seconded by Kaase, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.